This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-5   (Cancelled)

6.   (Currently Amended) A <u>computer-implemented</u> method comprising:

(a)   hosting, on a server, a database of specification data of products of a plurality of different manufacturers, the product specification data in the database being arranged in a predefined product class;

(b)   defining, for each product class, a schema for the entry of specification data of products in the product class;

(c)   providing an interface comprising a tool, used by each product manufacturer, to add new product specification data into the database and to modify existing product specification data in the database, the interface tool requiring each manufacturer to use a same schema when entering ~~or~~ <u>and</u> modifying product specification data in a particular product class, the interface further comprising an access control component which restricts any individual product manufacturer to view and edit only the product specification data corresponding to that individual product manufacturer; and

(d)   in exchange for remuneration from a given manufacturer, providing that manufacturer with query access to its respective product specification data in the database to obtain the respective product specification data ~~in a form useful~~ <u>to use</u> in combination with a web authoring tool and charging each manufacturer desiring to have access to the database a fee for such access.

7.   (Original) The method recited in claim 6, wherein the fee is in the form of a monetary payment.

8.   (Original) The method recited in claim 7, wherein the fee comprises a one-time fee.

9.   (Original) The method recited in claim 7, wherein the fee comprises a periodically recurring fee.

10.   (Original) The method recited in claim 7, wherein the fee is based on usage of the database by the manufacturers.

11.   (Original) The method recited in claim 10, wherein the fee for a given manufacturer is based on the volume of product information stored in the database by that manufacturer.

12.   (Original) The method recited in claim 10, wherein the fee for a given manufacturer is based on the number of times that the manufacturer accesses the database to retrieve product specification data.

13-24. (Cancelled)

25.   (Currently Amended) A computer system for enabling an entity to serve as used by an application service provider (ASP), the system having with respect to product specification data of a plurality of manufacturers, comprising;

        a database of specifications of products of the plurality of different manufacturers, the product specifications in the database being arranged in predefined product classes, and

        an interface comprising a tool, used by each product manufacturer, for the allowing entry of specifications of products in a given product class, there being defined, for each product class, a schema for the allowing entry of specifications of products in that product class, the interface tool requiring each manufacturer to use the defined schema for a given product class when entering product specification data for products in that class, the interface further comprising an access control component which permits a manufacturer to view and edit only the product specification data corresponding to the accessing manufacturer;

the interface further permitting each manufacturer that provides remuneration to the ~~entity~~ (ASP) to access its respective product specification data in the database <u>to use</u> ~~in a form useful~~ in combination with a web authoring tool ~~for use outside of the database~~ and wherein the remuneration required ~~for~~ <u>to</u> access ~~to~~ the database comprises a fee paid by each manufacturer.

26.   (Original) The system recited in claim 25, wherein the fee comprises a monetary payment.

27.   (Original) The system recited in claim 25, wherein the fee comprises a one-time fee.

28.   (Original) The system recited in claim 25, wherein the fee comprises a periodically recurring fee.

29.   (Original) The system recited in claim 25, wherein the fee is based on usage of the database by a manufacturer.

30.   (Original) The system recited in claim 29, wherein the fee for a given manufacturer is based on the volume of product information stored in the database by the manufacturer.

31.   (Original) The system recited in claim 29, wherein the fee for a given manufacturer is based on a number of times that the manufacturer accesses the database to retrieve product specification data.

32-49. (Cancelled)